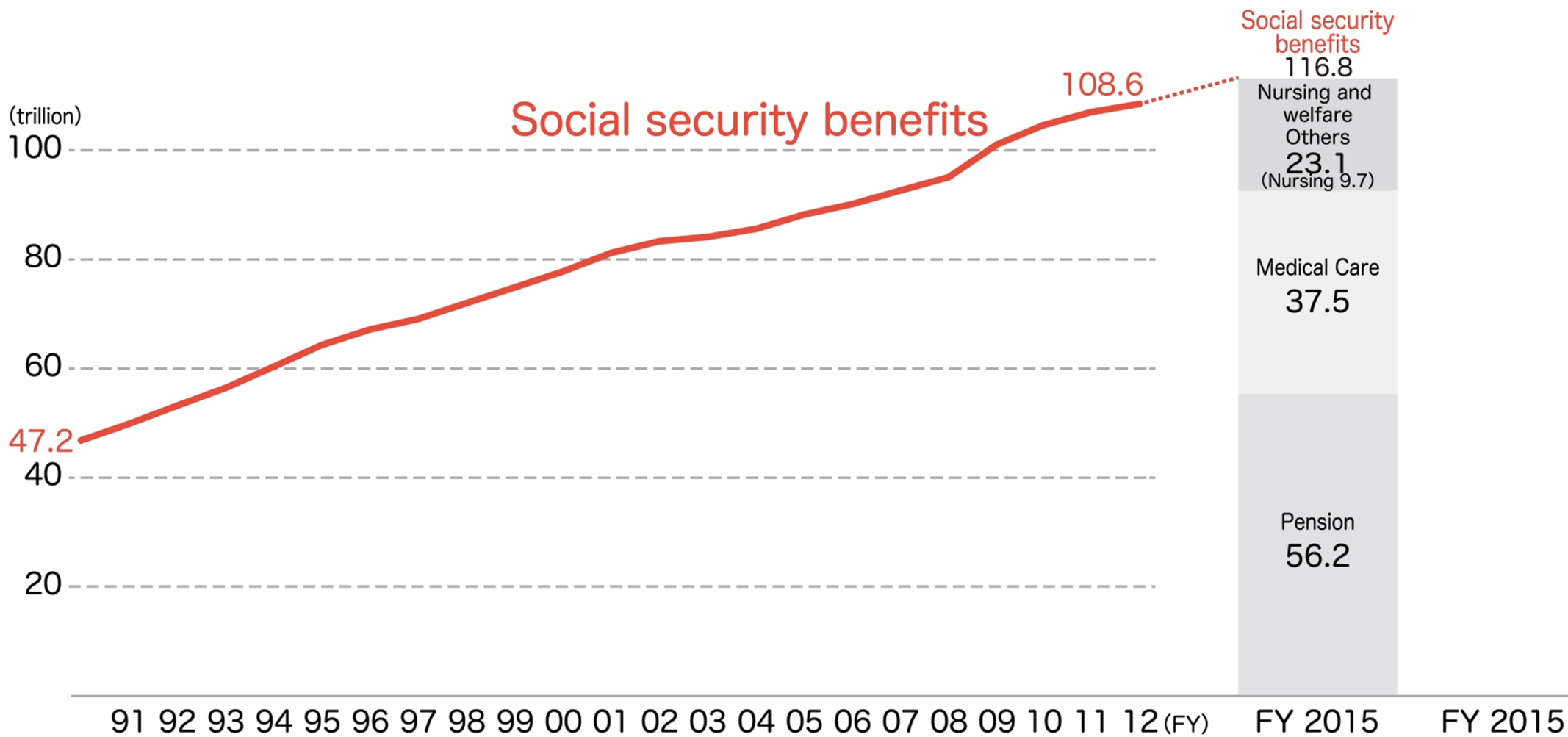


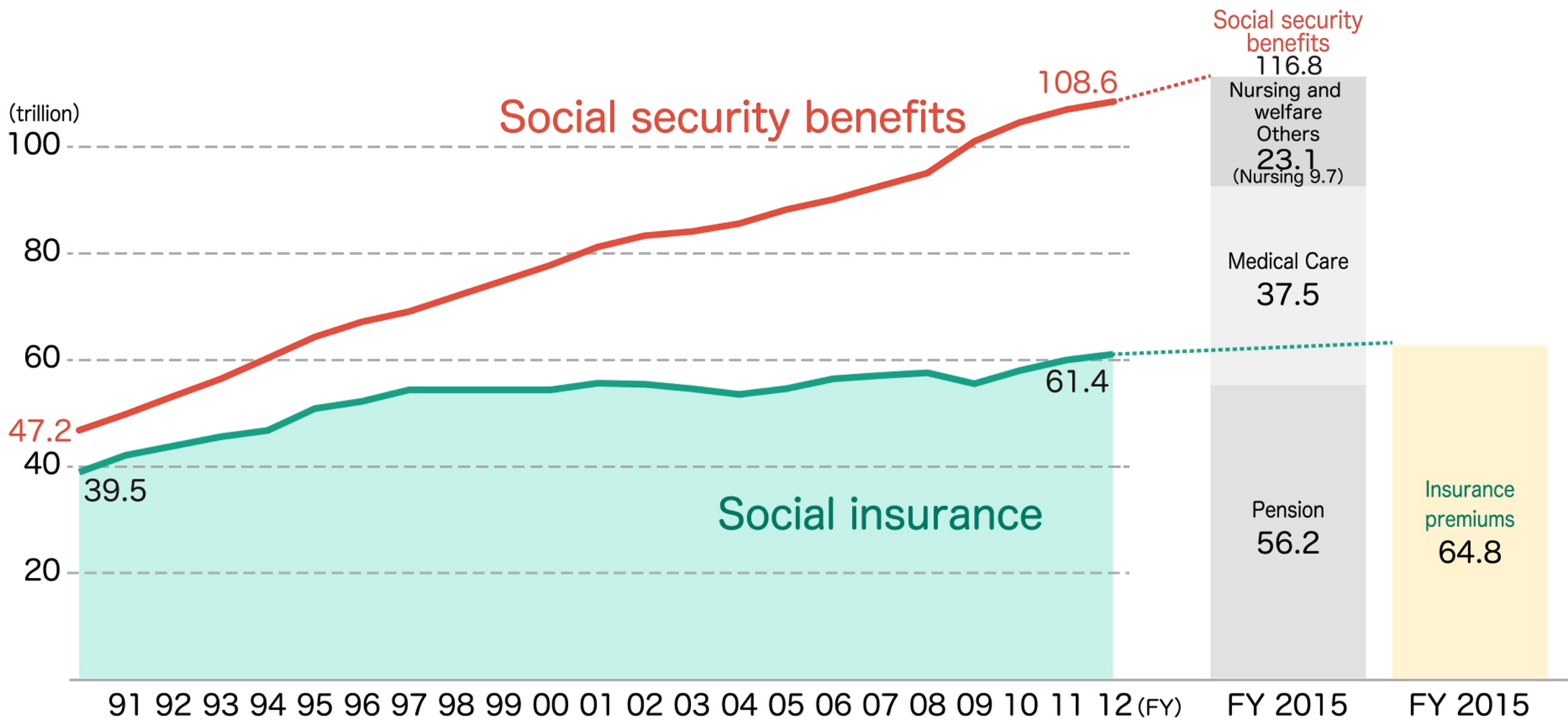
How have Japan's social security costs and their financial resources been changing?

The rapidly progressing population aging

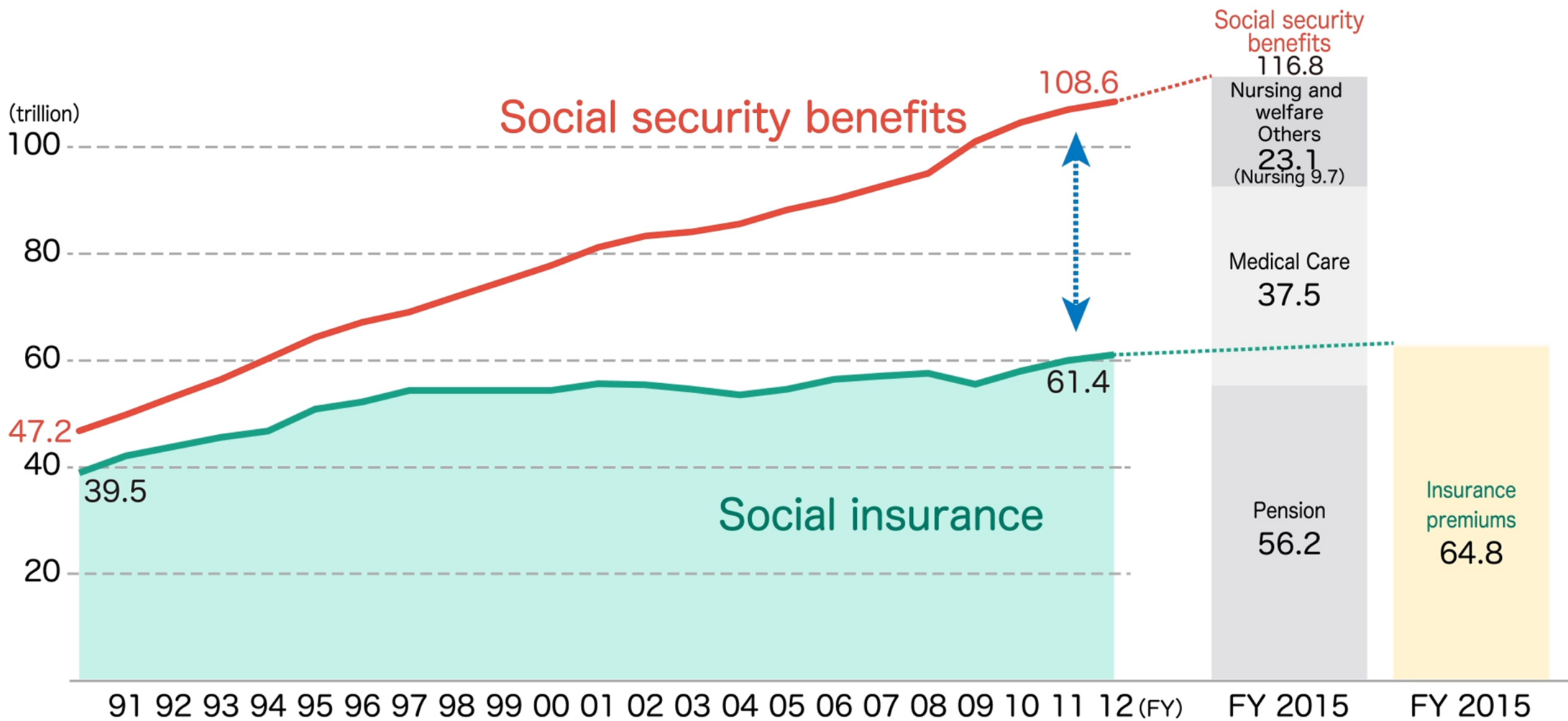
Japan is rapidly aging,
which involves a significant growth of necessary social security benefits.



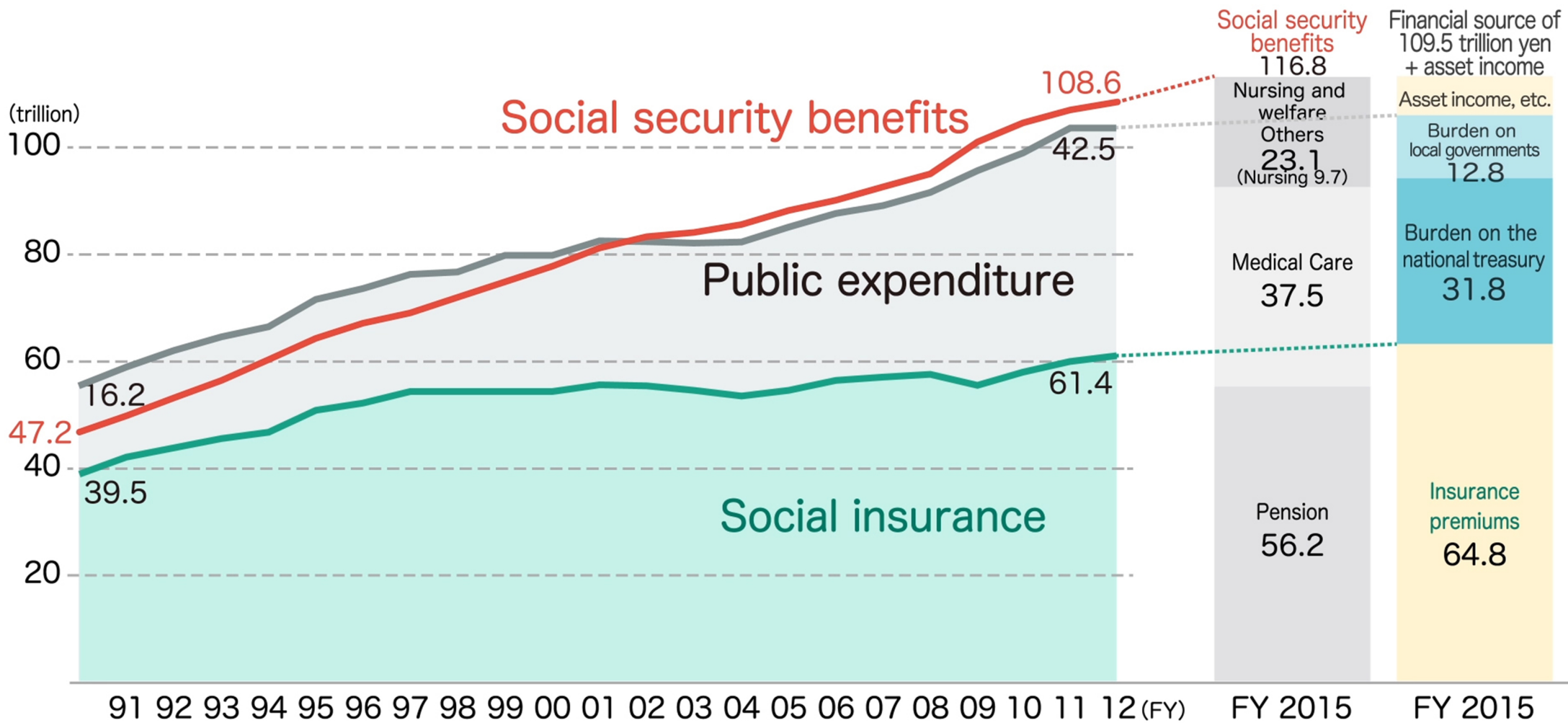
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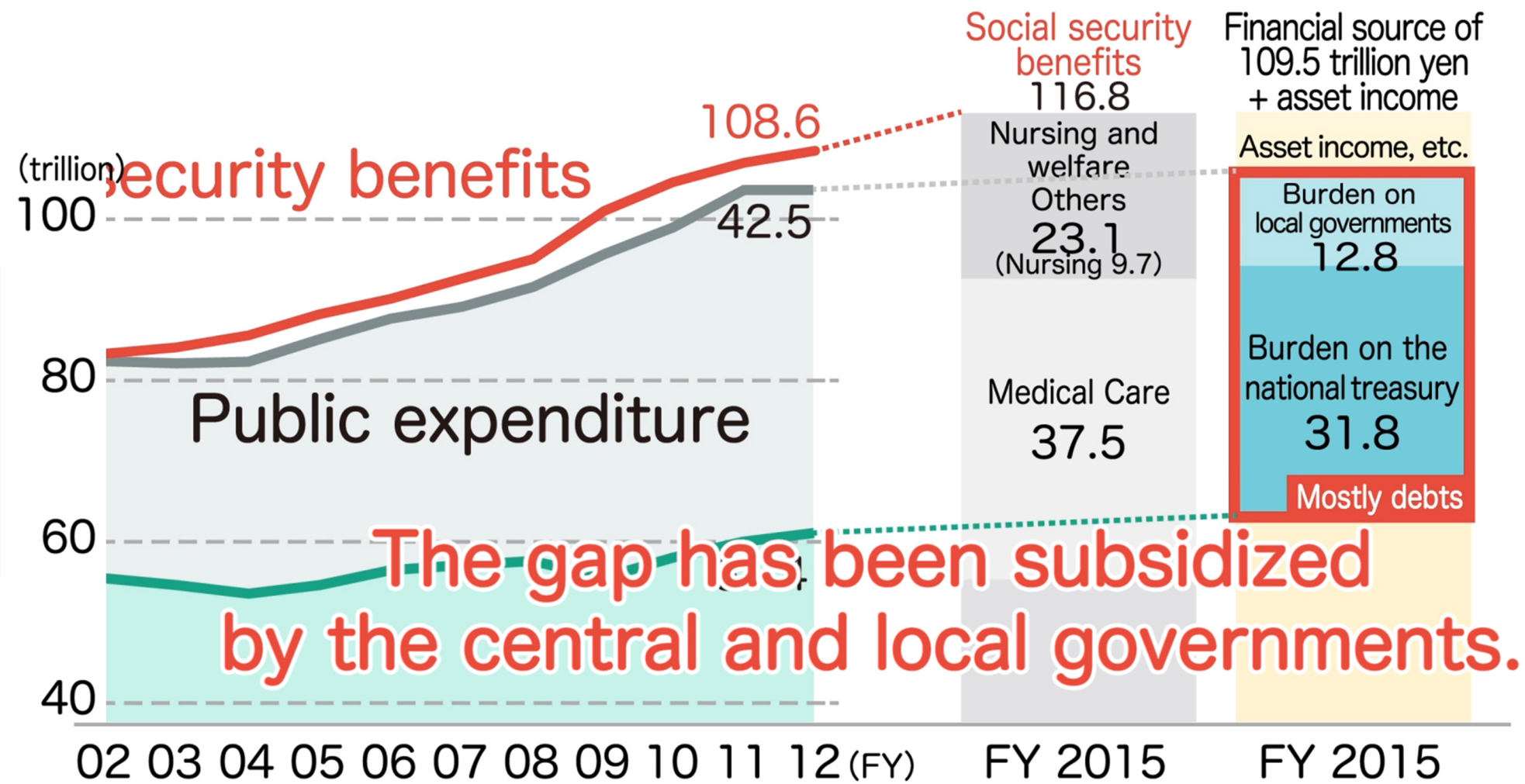
On the other hand, Japan's income from social insurance premiums has remained flat in recent years.



The difference between Japan's expenditure of social security benefits and income from social insurance premiums has been becoming larger.



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